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GENEVA FOR CTB AND CCD DELS

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1. DURING FEB 13 LUNCH WITH SOVIET DEL, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY SWEDISH REP HAMILTON, ANTICIPATED DISCUSSION ON DISARM-AMMENT MACHINERY DID NOT MATERILAIZE OTHER THAN GENERAL SOVIET DEL COMMENT THAT MACHINERY QUESTIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE SETTLED ONLY AT SSOD ITSELF NOT BY PREPCOM. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION AT END OF LUNCH USSR REP (STACHEVSKY) SUGGESTED TO USREP (WEILER) THAT THEY PURSUE MACHINERY QUESTIONS IN MORE DEPTH PRIVATELY. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS ON TWO SHORT MEETINGS ON MACHINERY BETWEEN STACHEVSKY AND WEILER DURING PAST WEEK.
2. US VIEWS CONTAINED IN PARA 1 OF REFTEL WERE PRESENTED TO STACHEVSKY (POINTS IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL WILL BE CONVEYED
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TO SIVIET DEL IN COURSE OF NEXT FEW DAYS.)
3. STACHEVSKY SAID IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR US AND SOVIETS TO AGREE IN WEEKS AHEAD ON SOMETHING THAT COULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE PRESSING FOR CHANGES IN ORDER TO SATISFY THEM, OR AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF THEM. HE AGREED WITH WEILER'S COMMENT THAT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS WE SHOULD AVOID PRESENTING ANY CHANGES AS A

QTE CO-CHAIRMAN PACKAGE UNQTE.

4. REGARDING CCD, STACHEVSKY SAID THREE CONSIDERATIONS GUIDE USSR THINKING:

(A) THE CCD SHOULD HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE UN COMPARED TO REGULAR UN BODIES, IN THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE QTE APPOINTED UNQTE BY THE UN, ITS MEMBERS NOT SELECTED BY THE UN NOR ITS WORK DIRECTED BY THE UN.

(B) THE CONSENSUS PROCEDURE SHOULD BE RETAINED.

(C) IN TERMS OF COMPOSITION, POLITICAL RATHER THAN GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION WAS THE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION; HE SAID THE BULK OF WEAPONS AND MILITARY FORCES ABOUT WHICH DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE ARE IN EUROPE AND NOT IN AFRICA OR SOUTHERN ASIA.

5. WHEN WEILER NOTED THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP WAS NOT ON HIS LIST, STACHEVSKY SAID THE SOVIETS HAD MADE A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE ABOUT THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP WHEN THEY FIRST APPROACHED THE FRENCH SUGGESTING QTE THREE OR FOUR OR FIVE CHAIRMEN UNQTE. HE SAID AT THAT TIME THEY HAD GOTTEN A QTE NON REPLY UNQTE. ANSWER. HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRENCH BEFORE DECIDING WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP REPLACEMENT ISSUE. HE THEN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT MOSCOW WAS PLANNING TO HAVE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON THIS TOPIC WITH THE FRENCH EITHER IN MOSCOW OR PARIS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. STACHEVSKY COMMENTED THAT IT WAS UNCLEAR AT THIS TIME WHETHER THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FRENCH WOULD AGREE TO ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE US AND USSR, ADDING THAT MAYBE IF THE CCD HAD A NAME CHANGE IT MIGHT HELP THE FRENCH.

6. ON THE INDIAN PROPOSAL FOR A DIARAMAMENT COMMITTEE, STACHEVSKY SAID THE SOVIETS WOULD OPPOSE IT. HE AGREED WITH WEILER'S COMMENT THAT THE INDIAN PROPOSAL SEEMED TO HAVE CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT BUT SAID THE ONLY REAL ARGUMENT FOR IT WAS TO HELP THE INDIANS BY HAVING THE CHINESE INVOLVED IN DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS BUT THAT THERE WAS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE CHINESE WOULD PARTICIPATE. HE SAID IF THE CHINESE INDICATED THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE THEN WE COULD ALL TAKE ANEW LOOK AT THE INDIAN PROPOSAL.

7. STACHEVSKY SAID HE AGREED THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO AGREE TO HAVING FIRST COMMITTEE FOCUS ON DISARMAMENT AND TO AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO A STRENGTHENING OF THE UN DISARMAMENT CENTER. ON THE LATTER POINT, HE TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION TO WHAT HE SAID WERE RUMORS THAT SOME WESTERN STATES WANTED TO REORGANIZE THE CENTER AND PLACE IT DIRECTLY UNDER THE SECRETARY GENERAL. WEILER SAID A CASE COULD BE MADE FOR DOING THIS BUT TIME DID NOT PERMIT A FULL DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE.

8. IT WAS AGREED BOTH DELS WOULD KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH ON MACHINERY QUESTIONS DURING REMAINING DAYS OF PREPCOM IV.

9. RE PARA 3 OF REFTTEL, NEUTRON BOMB ISSUE DID NOT ARISE DURING DISCUSSION.

10. AT NEXT BARTON GROUP MEETING, FEB 21, USDEL PLANS TO OUTLINE US VIEWS ON MACHINERY SET FORTH IN PARAS 1 AND 2 OF REFTTEL AND ALSO BRIEF GROUP IN GENERAL TERMS ON SOVEIT VIEWS, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO SOVIET PLANS FOR BILATERAL TALKS WITH FRENCH.

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